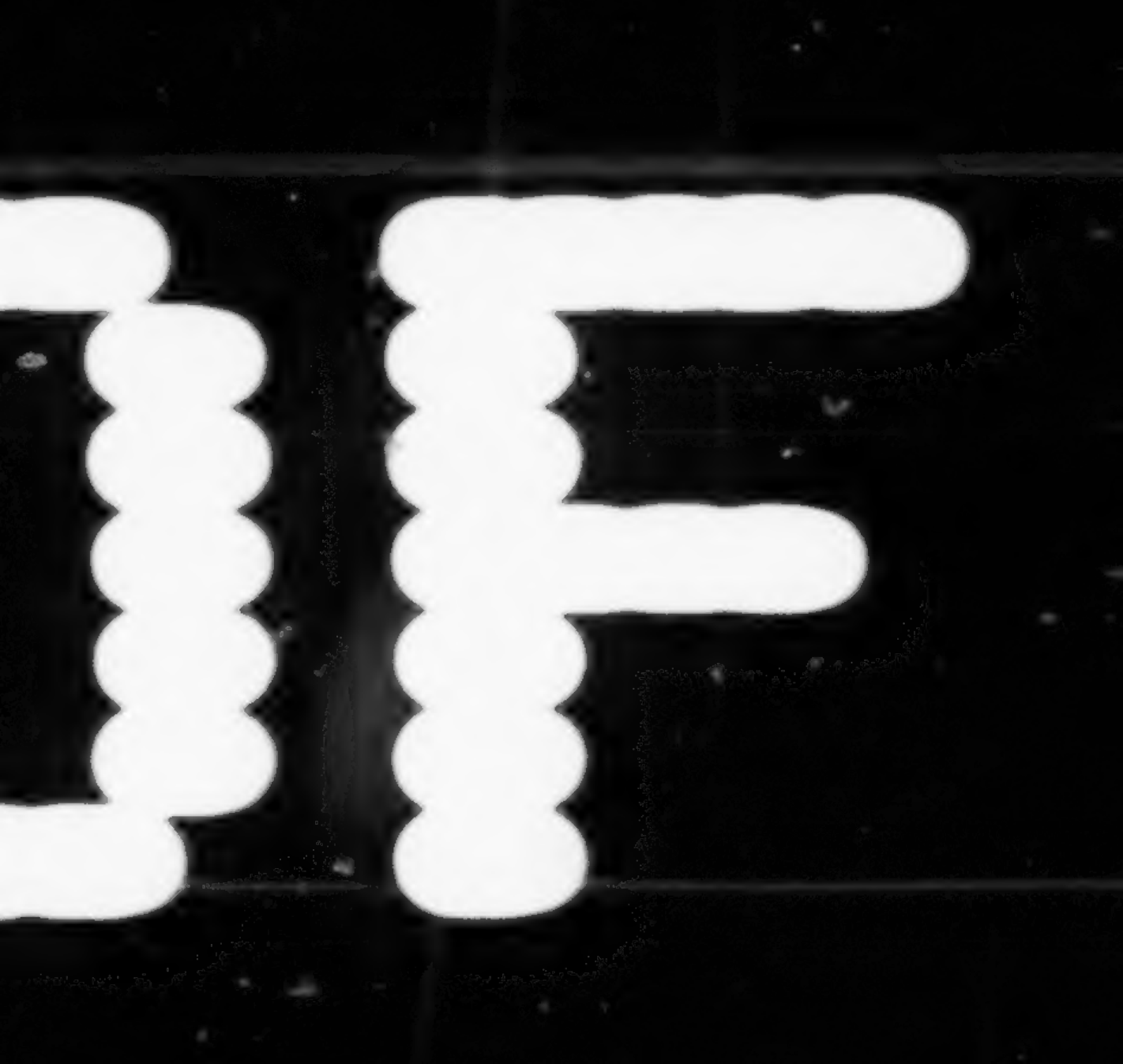

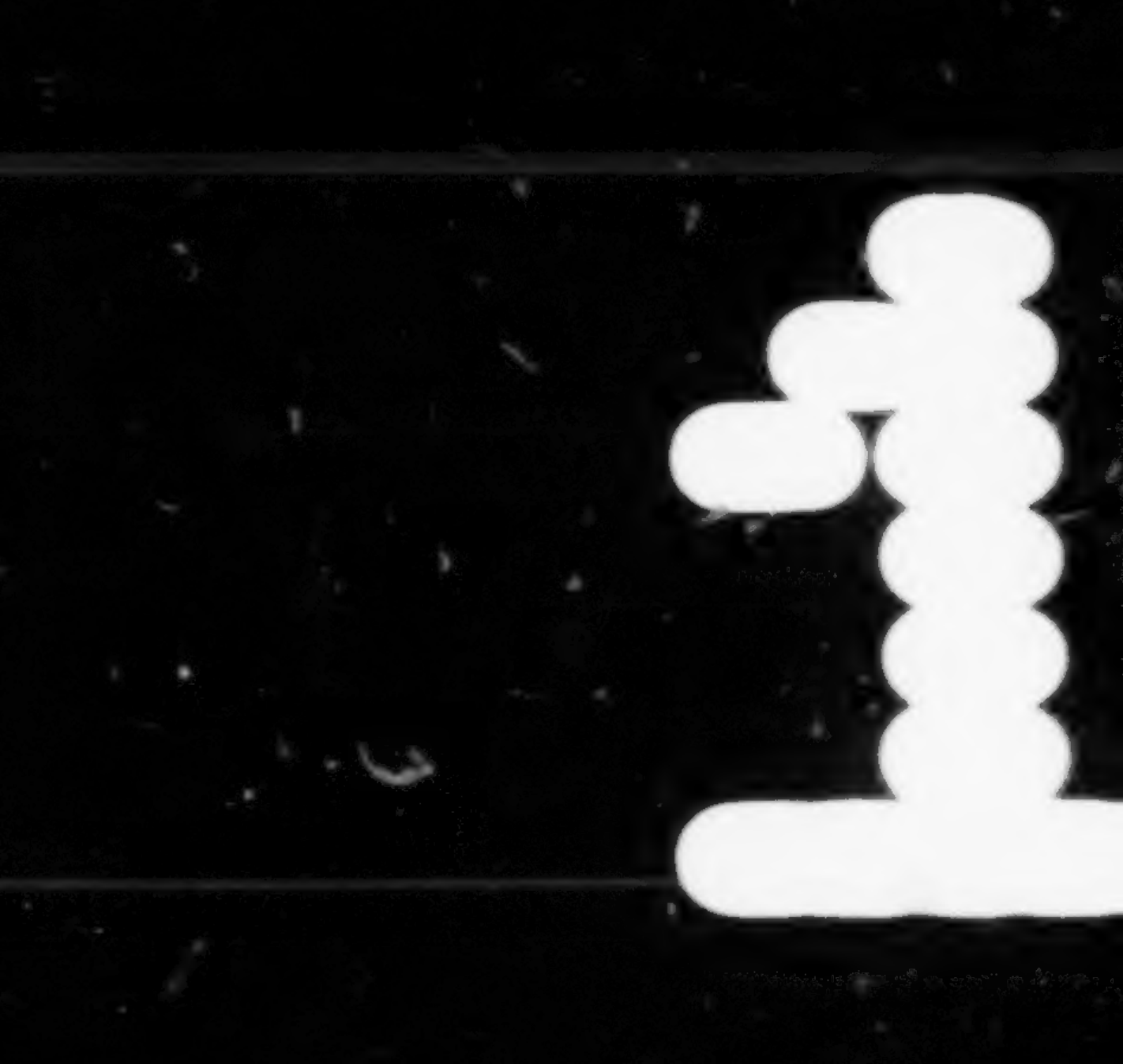

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Duarte Confirms Postponement

PA1001222989 San Salvador EL DIARIO DE HOY in Spanish 10 Jan 89 pp 3, 35

[Text] President Duarte yesterday said the Central American summit has been definitely postponed until February.

Duarte's statement clarified doubts raised yesterday morning by Foreign Minister Ricardo Acevedo Peralta when he suggested a possible postponement of the summit and attributed it to Costa Rican President Oscar Arias.

According to the Foreign Ministry source, Arias proposed that the presidential meeting be held after the inauguration of U.S. President-elect George Bush.

Acevedo reportedly said the meeting, which was scheduled for 15 and 16 January, could take place on 29 and 30 January or after 20 February, and noted that Honduras and El Salvador might find it difficult to agree on a date because they will be involved in border discussions at the International Court of Justice in The Hague.

El Salvador will present a reply to Honduras' suit at The Hague during the first few days of February.

The Foreign Ministry source said a meeting of deputy foreign ministers will take place on Tuesday, 10 January to prepare for a foreign ministers' meeting that has been tentatively scheduled for 18 and 19 January. This meeting was originally scheduled for 13 and 14 January.

During yesterday's news conference, the Foreign Ministry official said El Salvador will insist on an agenda containing efficient and effective mechanisms to guarantee compliance with Esquipulas commitments.

The official added that the agenda must contain at least three points he considers to be the most important:

1) Creation of a commission to supervise and follow up on democracy and the commitments contained in the Esquipulas peace accords.

2) The Honduran proposal to establish a peace verification force.

3) The Salvadoran proposal to revitalize the Central American Common Market.

He added that El Salvador will also ask the Sandinist regime to issue a statement condemning FMLN terrorists and promising to stop meddling in El Salvador's internal affairs.

'Technical Meeting' Suspended

PA1001171689 Panama City ACAN in Spanish 1631 GMT 10 Jan 89

[Text] Managua, 10 Jan (ACAN-EFE)—A Nicaraguan Foreign Ministry source has told ACAN-EFE that the technical meeting of Central American deputy foreign ministers, which was to begin in Managua today, was suspended because Guatemala did not attend.

The source added: "The meeting will be convoked, as a courtesy to the Honduran, Salvadoran, and Costa Rican delegations, which had already arrived in Managua, but it will be immediately suspended." Guatemala proposed that the three meetings (the deputy foreign ministers, the foreign ministers, and the presidents) be held "simultaneously."

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Urges Greater Role for Group

FL1301220089 Havana Radio Reloj Network in Spanish 2355 GMT 13 Jan 89

[Text] Our country's Foreign Minister Isidoro Malmierca welcomed today the steps taken in favor of nuclear disarmament and said peace should be valid for big and small countries regardless of their military power. The Cuban foreign minister spoke in Nicosia, Cyprus on behalf of Latin American and Caribbean countries during a 3-day Nonaligned Movement ministerial meeting which will promote a critical assessment of the movement's operations.

The presence in the Cypriot capital of so many delegations, many of them headed by ministers, shows the increasing importance the movement gives to the need to improve its role in today's world.

In his remarks, Cuban Foreign Minister Malmierca recalled that nonaligned countries are identified as a genuine pillar of the interests of the peoples. The new situation existing in the world as a result of the agreements reached between the USSR and the United States should be used by the Nonaligned Movement to work creatively toward creating peace conditions that are valid for all, said Malmierca.

The Cuban foreign minister added that it is necessary to achieve a peace that is real for weak and powerful, rich and poor, that opens the possibilities for strengthening our independence and advancing in the path of development.

The international economic situation demands from the Nonaligned Movement cohesive and effective action in the search for solutions for the urgent prevailing problems, such as the foreign debt, and the achievement of just and equal relations, said the Cuban foreign minister. Malmierca asserted at the Nonaligned Movement ministerial meeting, which began in the Cypriot capital today, that the new conditions demand more analyses by the movement.

Views Meeting, Angola Troops

FL1401034089 Havana Radio Rebelde Network in Spanish 0040 GMT 14 Jan 89

[Telephone interview with Foreign Minister Isidoro Malmierca from Nicosia, Cyprus by Felix Fernando Garrido during "Exclusivo" program—live]

[Text] [Garrido] I am talking now with our Foreign Minister Isidoro Malmierca Peoli, member of the PCC Central Committee, who, as our listeners already know, is heading our delegation attending the Nonaligned Movement foreign ministers committee meeting being held in Nicosia. Good evening minister.

[Malmierca] Good evening.

[Garrido] We would like to learn from the most authorized source: How has this 1st day of work of the Nonaligned Movement meeting been, the Nonaligned ministers committee meeting?

[Malmierca] The meeting began today. It was scheduled since the last ministerial conference, also held here in Nicosia last September, to review the methods of work, the procedural norms of the movement, and to make an attempt to update—as it is usually said—our activities so that all the work operations of the movement can be fresher and more active. We believe that the 1st day has been characterized, first, by the large number of foreign ministers who are participating in the meeting. Over 20 ministers have gathered here in Nicosia and it was reported that a few more are due to arrive today—because today is already tomorrow here.

[Garrido] Yes, it is Friday the 13th here and it is already Saturday there.

[Malmierca] Correct. We had the privilege of being chosen to participate in the opening ceremony on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean countries represented in the meeting. We took the opportunity to note the importance the Nonaligned Movement gives to this meeting. It is not a meeting to discuss the situation of a certain area of the world or the action of the movement regarding a specific event, but to review the movement's work methods. Despite this, a large number of countries have been represented. There are over 50 countries and over 20 of the delegations are headed by their foreign ministers.

[Garrido] Minister, when is this meeting scheduled to end?

[Malmierca] We should finish on Sunday night. According to the best of the traditions of the Nonaligned Movement, we always have to extend the meetings a little more.

[Garrido] Malmierca, I want to tell you—because of the role you played in this triumph of our revolution, of our people in general, of peace, and socialism—that the internationalist combatants continue arriving well and very happily in our fatherland. As you represent us now in Nicosia in the Nonaligned Movement meeting, do you have a message for our combatants who continue to arrive with joy here in our fatherland?

[Malmierca] In this task that has been assigned to us by the revolution, we very often have to travel abroad. It has been especially difficult this time to have to leave our country when our people were getting ready to welcome our internationalist combatants, the heroes who achieved not only victory in numerous battles but a great historic victory and contributed to guaranteeing the safety of Angola and to paving the wave for Namibia's independence. We would have liked to have been together with our people sharing the happiness and such a deserved recognition for our combatants.

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'Consensus' Reported for 13-14 Feb Summit

PA2701201789 Hamburg DPA in Spanish 1850 GMT 27 Jan 89

[Text] Guatemala City, 27 Jan (DPA)—Guatemalan President Vinicio Cerezo Arevalo reported today that there is a consensus to hold the Central American presidential summit 13-14 February in San Salvador, accepting the proposal made by Salvadoran President Jose Napoleon Duarte.

If it is not held on that date, the Central American peace process "will loose steam," because afterwards there are political events in the various countries of the area that would make it difficult to hold a meeting of that nature later in the year, Cerezo said.

According to Duarte's proposal, an experts meeting would be held 8-9 February in Managua, while the executive commission composed of the foreign ministers would meet on 12 February in Managua to prepare the definite agenda of the summit.

President Cerezo said those dates have been accepted by the five presidents, and that thus "there is hope" the Central American summit—which has already been postponed four times—will be held.

"I am optimistic the summit will make progress in the peace process, particularly in the fields of democratization and verification," President Cerezo told reporters with whom he met for a work breakfast.

During the conversation, Cerezo stressed that the guerrillas' actions have decreased in Guatemala because "the Central American trend is to recognize legally established governments," adding that, to the guerrillas, "this is a moment to join the democratic processes; otherwise, history will leave them behind."

Several guerrilla actions have been reported in various places in recent days. The Army reported four soldiers killed yesterday. According to Cerezo, these actions are carried out by the rebels "to continue their existance."

In addition, three guerrilla commanders of the so-called URNG—Rolando Moran, Pablo Monsanto, and Gaspar Illom—addressed a public letter to the presidents of Venezuela, Costa Rica, and Spain, who will attend the inauguration of President Carlos Andres Perez in Caracas, proposing their intervention to reach a dialogue with the Guatemalan Government. It has been reported that the three commanders traveled to San Jose and Caracas.

Costa Rican Minister Cited

PA2801185289 Panama City ACAN in Spanish 1812 GMT 28 Jan 89

[Text] San Jose, 28 Jan (ACAN-EFE)—The Costa Rican Government today announced that Salvadoran President Jose Napoleon Duarte has proposed holding the Central American presidential summit in San Salvador on 13 and 14 February.

According to the report, the San Salvador summit would be aimed at reactivating the Esquipulas II regional peace plan, which was signed in Guatemala in August 1987.

The Salvadoran president is proposing that the deputy foreign ministers' technical meeting be held on 8 and 9 February in Managua, and the foreign ministers' meeting, "to work out the final details," be held on 12 February, also in Managua.

Costa Rican Foreign Minister Rodrigo Madrigal Nieto said on 27 January that "there seems to be a consensus" on the latest dates proposed for the summit. The summit has been postponed five times since August 1988.

However, Madrigal Nieto said the Central American foreign ministers will meet in Caracas for the inauguration of Venezuelan President-elect Carlos Andres Perez and they will set the final date then.

Costa Rica, which asked for the delay in the summit until the inaugurations of U.S. President Bush and Venezuelan President-elect Carlos Andres Perez, said "it was ready to attend the summit on the date the other presidents agree on," a report said. Madrigal Nieto indicated "some preliminary contacts" made with White House officials seem to indicate the Bush Administration "is planning to give diplomacy a greater opportunity" in the region.

"I feel," he said "that Bush and Secretary of State Baker are using their unique approach, and will have a pretty clear diplomatic initiative."

Caribbean Diplomats at UN Feel 'Slighted'

FL2701141789 Bonaire Trans World Radio in English 1130 GMT 27 Jan 89

[Text] Caribbean diplomats at the United Nations say they will no longer cooperate closely with diplomats from Latin America. The Caribbean members still feel slighted over the defeat of Dominican Prime Minister Mary Eugenia Charles for the UN Presidency last year. This could prevent the Latin American and Caribbean nations from reaching agreement on important issues at the world body.

Anticommunist Group Announces Operation

PA2801041189 San Salvador Radio Cadena Sonora in Spanish 1700 GMT 26 Jan 89

[Text] The Central American Anticommunist Hand, MACA, has sent copies of a communique to several international organizations and press agencies openly announcing an operation called "Jackson Five." The operation reportedly consists of five stages to be carried out in each of the five Central American countries. The first part would take place in El Salvador.

In the communique, MACA says it will give $2,000 to anybody who provides information leading to the elimination of subversives. In addition, the organization has warned that any military agencies interfering with MACA's activities against rebels will themselves become military targets.

The communique, issued in Guatemala City on 20 January 1989, is signed by D. W. Stanley, MACA operations and control chief.

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